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Carlsbad Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo on June 10 **Tax Relief Available for Business Owners Affected by Fires in San Diego County**

Sacramento – Business owners who would like to grow their business by working with the government are invited to attend the [Small Business Seminar in Carlsbad](#) on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce and the City of Carlsbad are sponsoring this event. Vice Chair Steel is reaching out to tax and feepayers affected by the devastating wildfires in San Diego County at the Carlsbad seminar.

“If you lost your home, property, or tax records in this wildfire, we are here to help,” said Vice Chair Michelle Steel. “Come see us at the Carlsbad seminar, visit us online or call us for help with requesting extensions, copies of your records, or relief from interest and penalties.”

“The city of Carlsbad is very appreciative of the state's quick action to help support our local residents and businesses during this difficult time,” said Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall.

In addition to attending the Carlsbad seminar, tax and feepayers impacted by wildfires can go [online](#) to request relief from penalty and/or interest, and an extension of time to file a tax/fee return. Those looking for assistance will benefit from presentations given by representatives from BOE, Department of Insurance, Office of Emergency Services, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the Small Business Development Center.

Event: Free Carlsbad Small Business Seminar and Resource Expo

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Carlsbad City Library (Dove Library)
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium (Free parking)
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92606

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

Editor's note: The following PSAs ([15-second audio](#)) and ([30-second audio](#)) are available for your use.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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